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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal  
For: BURN ASSISTED FRACTURING OF UNDERGROUND COAL BED  
By: Dennis Ray WILSON  
Attorney Docket: 18326/03901

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with BURN ASSISTED FRACTURING OF UNDERGROUND COAL BED, by Dennis Ray WILSON, inventor.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (14 pages, including 26 claims and an abstract); and
- (3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

- (4) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (5) One Return Receipt Post Card each for the following grouping of items: (1)-(3), and (4) above.

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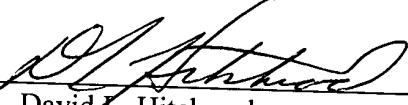
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